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COUNTRY Soviet Zone, Germany REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Engineer Unit from the BARBY Military Post Leaving for Maneuvers

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. Fully-motorized Soviet engineer units of 500 to 600 men were stationed in BARBY (M 52/D 38) in early May 1949. One lieutenant colonel and three majors were observed to the banking officers. Passenger car [REDACTED] and trucks [REDACTED] were observed with the units:

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2. Engineer maneuvers were held on the Elbe River, particularly on the old Elbe River and the mouth of the Saele River, in early May 1949. The troops used about 30 pontoon sections, which were moved by two motor-boats.
3. An engineer unit was entrained, allegedly for the Letzling Heath, on 10 May 1949. About 200 troops, commanded by a major, and 25 trucks, each loaded with two pontoon sections, were observed with the unit.

4. Comment:

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- a. [REDACTED] the 15th Gds Engr Bn of the Third Shock Army is stationed in BARBY.

- b. [REDACTED] Hq units of the Third Shock Army [REDACTED] are stationed in the areas of MAGDEBURG, BURG and TANGERHUETT (engineer troops).

- c. Although it has not been substantiated, it is considered possible that the battalion may have been on maneuvers near BARBY (par.2) and at the Letzling Heath (par.3).

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